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MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

## Banks.

**THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.**  
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £5,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.  
HEAD OFFICE: 40, Threadneedle Street, London.  
BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.**  
Authorised Capital £1,000,000.  
Subscribed Capital £500,000.  
HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

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## Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received instructions from the Mortgagees to Sell by Public Auction,

ON TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1892, at 3 o'clock p.m.

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

Comprising Nos. 11 and 13, Upper Lascar Row and Nos. 14 and 16, Lower Lascar Row, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and situated on Island Lot No. 248, as the same premises are now held for the residence of a term of 999 years from the 10th June, 1843, granted therein, subject to the payment of the Crown Rent payable in respect thereof and the performance of the Crown covenants to be performed in respect thereof and subject also to the existing title and easements thereon.

The property will be sold in one lot or separate lots comprising two Houses each at the option of the Vendor.

For sale plan further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to

WOTTON & DEACON, Solicitors for the Vendor, or to

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1892. [365]

**NOTICE.**  
MR. A. E. SKEELS has been appointed Manager of the HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, and Mr. J. P. COTTAM has been appointed and will assume charge of the business from this date.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY. [366]

**NOTICE.**  
MR. EDMUND THOMAS BOND was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1892.

DEACON & CO. [369]

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE this day resumed business in this Colony as GENERAL BROKER and COMMISSION AGENT under the Firm or style of SOARES & CO.

A. F. J. SOARES. [352]

**NOTICE.**  
WE have this day authorized Mr. CARL WILHELM LONGUETZ to sign our Firm per procreation.

KRUSE & Co. [370]

**NOTICE.**  
THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE, DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to "Dr. J. W. NOBLE," and will be represented as under:

JOSEPH W. NOBLE } Hongkong  
HERBERT D. REQUA } and Singapore.  
CHAS. L. SNYDER }

HERBERT POATE } 35, Brook Street,  
Greensboro Square, London, W. }  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1892. [350]

**To be Let.**  
TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 64, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for OFFICES.

Apply to Messrs. G. FALCONER & Co., or LAI HING & Co., No. 153, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [347]

**TO LET.**  
NO. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

"TUSCULUM" MAGAZINE GAP. Nos. 2 & 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE. Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, 16th March, 1892. [32]

**TO LET.**  
FROM 1ST APRIL.

"STILLINGFLEET."

FIVE ROOMED detached HOUSE on Peak Road near the Albany.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 5th March, 1892. [285]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

**TO LET.**  
NOS. 12, 14 & 16, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [342]

**TO LET AT THE PEAK.**  
"STOLZENFELS" on R. B. Lot No. 47.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [343]

**Hotels.**  
THE SHAMEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the "Royal" Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Billiard Room, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert hands.

Wines, Spirits, and Liquors, etc., of the best quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD ROOM.

A. F. DO ROZARIO, Manager. Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1185]

## Intimations.

**ROBERT LANG & CO.**  
DRESS SUITS.  
NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM \$30, SILK LINED.  
A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS AND OTHER SUITINGS.  
EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.  
EVENING DRESS TIES AND GLOVES.  
EVENING DRESS HOSE, SILK, THREAD, and MERINO.  
EVENING DRESS SHOES AND PUMPS.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1891. [189]

**CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.**  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
AND  
Commission Agents.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE?  
As an excellent Table Water?  
For General Debility?  
For Dyspepsia?  
For Gout?  
For Rheumatism?  
Takaraduka Natural Mineral Water, Bottled at Takaraduka near Kobe, Japan.

Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty throughout the East. Testimonials can be seen on application.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1892. [10]

**KELLY & WALSH, LD.**  
HAVE JUST LANDED IN SPENDID CONDITION:-

CIGARETTES. TOBACCOES.

"THREE CASTLE" CIGARETTES in patent air-tight tins of 50.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES.

WILLS' "FIRE FLY" CIGARETTES.

And our own special well-known brands.

HAPPY THOUGHT DOLLAR BRAND.  
STAR MIXTURE GOLDEN EAGLE.

All our TOBACCOES and CIGARETTES are guaranteed absolutely fresh and will be exchanged if found otherwise.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1892. [16]

**W. POWELL & CO.**  
HAVING Purchased at exceptionally low rates a portion of a Manufacturer's stock of

FLOOR OIL CLOTHS AND LINOLEUMS.

Confidently invite the inspection of purchasers.

FLOOR OIL CLOTHS in every width from 27 inches to 8 yards.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1892. [5]

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL.**  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HÔTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications. The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjoining the Hotel, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager. Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [198]

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**  
FOR SALE.

HOUSE LAMPS, STREET LAMPS, VERANDAH LAMPS, SHIPS LAMPS, CHANDELIERS, Single and Double BRACKET LAMPS, TABLE LAMPS, READING LAMPS, BEDROOM & NURSERY LAMPS, WINDPROOF LAMPS, SAFETY LAMPS, SHIP'S SALOON, CABIN, ENGINE ROOM and BULKHEAD LAMPS, SPECIAL CARGO LAMPS, CHAIR LAMPS, CARRIAGE and JINRICKSHA LAMPS, HAND LAMPS and LANTERNS, GLOBES, CHIMNEYS, WICKS, SPARE BURNERS, FOUNTAINS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. Hongkong, 27th February, 1892. [29]

**CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.**  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.  
ABRATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.  
SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.

SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS and AMMUNITION.

PORPOISE-HIDE DARK TAN RUSSIA-LEATHER and ENGLISH CALF BOOTS & SHOES.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL, ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD. 11, Praya Canai, Hongkong. Hongkong, 14th January, 1892. [40]

## Intimations.

**NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

ON and after MONDAY, the 28th instant, the Company's Offices will be on the First Floor of No. 19, Queen's Road Central, over the Store of Messrs. KELLY and WALSH, LIMITED.

W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent. Hongkong, 26th March, 1892. [367]

**GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that the THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 1st April 1892, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th March to 1st April inclusive.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1892. [354]

**THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 2nd day of April next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1891.

And Notice is hereby further given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held immediately after the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting at the same place for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Special Resolution:-

"That the Capital of the Company be reduced from \$200,000 divided into 4,000 Shares of \$50 each to \$100,000 divided into 4,000 Shares of \$25 each."

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 25th instant, to Saturday, the 2nd day of April, both days inclusive.

JOHN A. JUPP, Secretary. Hongkong, 25th March, 1892. [361]

**THE SHAMEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Shamen Hotel and Land Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Offices 5, Pedder's Hill, on MONDAY, the 4th day of April, 1892, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions will be proposed:

Should the resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special Resolutions at a second Extraordinary Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1.—That Article 86 of the Articles of Association be cancelled, and that there be substituted therefor the following:

"86.—The number of Directors shall not be less than three, nor more than five."

2.—That Article 89 of the Articles of Association be cancelled, and that there be substituted therefor the following:

"89.—No person shall be eligible to be a Director, unless he be the registered holder of not less than 25 Shares."

3.—That in the second line of Article 91 of the Articles of Association the word "Two thousand dollars" be cancelled and that there be substituted therefor the word "One Thousand Dollars."

4.—That in the second and third lines of Article No. 94 of the Articles of Association the words "The one third or other nearest number" be cancelled, and there be substituted therefor the words "the one Director."

5.—That Article 114 of the Articles of Association be cancelled, and that there be substituted therefor the following:

"114.—The Directors may appoint any Solicitor or firm of Solicitors to be the Solicitors of the Company."

By Order of the Board, R. C. HURLEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 24th March, 1892. [355]

**HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the Rooms of the Chamber, CITY HALL, at 4.30 P.M., on FRIDAY, the 8th April, in place of Friday, the 25th March, as previously advertised.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1892. [353]

**MISS STOLZ.**

**MANICURE, CHIROPODIST AND MASSAGE.**

No. 8, COLLEGE CHAMBERS, Wyndham Street. Hongkong, 6th February, 1892. [290]

**NOTICE.**  
JEY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY, LIMITED.

JEY'S WOOD-PRESERVER OR ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of these "PERFECT DISINFECTANTS," and are prepared to supply quantities to suit purchasers at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special terms for Shipping and large Orders.

Sir ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.E., Chief Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board, London, says:

"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings, Hongkong, 19th June, 1891. [9]

## Shipping.

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCOW. THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO," Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th March, 1892. [366]

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY. THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA," Captain G. Taylor, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at 5 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th March, 1892. [369]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO. THE Company's Steamship

"THALES," Captain Lewis, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th March, 1892. [364]

**AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

STEAM TO SHANGHAI. THE Company's Steamship

"THISBE," will leave for the above place on the 2nd of April, at 10 o'clock a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1892. [350]

**AUSTRIAN**



## Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
CHEMISTS, &c.

EUCALYPTUS OIL AND  
"INFLUENZA."

"Of all the preventives, OIL OF EUCALYPTUS, either disguised under fancy names or in its pure state, has earned the most professional and lay support, and up to the present it certainly seems to have vindicated the claims put forward in its behalf."—*Chemist and Druggist*, Feb. 6th, 1892.

DAKINS' STANDARD  
BRAND OF EUCALYPTUS  
OIL.

Bottles, 50 cts. and \$1.00

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule	12	120	1.00
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule	12	120	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	12	120	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)	12	120	1.50

## SHERRIES.

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6	60	0.60
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	75	0.75
C. Manxville, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule	10	100	1.00
CC. Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	100	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule	12	120	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Dry, very fine quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)	14	140	1.35

## CLARETS.

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	4	40	0.40
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule	4.50	45	0.50
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule	7	70	0.70
D. La Rose, Red Capsule	11	110	1.10

## MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

## BRANDY.

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	13	130	1.30
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	15	150	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule	20	200	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule	30	300	2.50

## SCOTCH WHISKY.

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8	80	0.75
B. Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8	80	0.75
C. Watson's Aberlath, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark	8	80	0.75
D. Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule	10	100	1.00
E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule	12	120	1.10

## IRISH WHISKY.

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8	80	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	10	100	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	120	1.10
D. Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name	10	100	1.00

## GIN.

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50	45	0.40
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule	4.50	45	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva	5.25	52.50	0.50

## RUM.

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	12	120	1.00
Good Lecward Island, \$1.50 per Gallon			

## LIQUEURS.

	Per doz.	Per Case.	Per Bot.
Benedictine			
Maraschino			
Cachaça			
Herrings Cherry Cordial			
Chateau Dr. Slegers			
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1892.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANK AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

DISAPPEARANCE OF THE COMPROMISE.

Some ugly rumours were prevalent in certain generally well informed commercial circles during Saturday afternoon and evening concerning the stability of four or five well-known local Chinese banks, and it was more than hinted that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was in an awkward position, from which a good many lakhs of dollars would probably be required for its extrication.

These reports assumed definite shape early this morning, when it became public gossip that Lo Huk-pang, proprietor of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and reputed one of the wealthiest Chinese in the colony, had disappeared and left no trace behind of his whereabouts. He had left something else, however, in the shape of liabilities, said to have been incurred through heavy share speculations extending over months past, and aggregating something like three millions of dollars. He got \$100,000 from three Chinese banks on Saturday. The detectives were quickly at work, and we believe that missing compromise has been traced to Canton. But meanwhile the news of his having left the colony under such suspicious circumstances had the effect of creating quite a panic in Chinese financial circles, with the disastrous result that in the course of the day no fewer than four native banks had to put up the shutters. There is weeping and wailing in Bonham Strand, and big troubles are evidently looming ahead.

It has been quite impossible to obtain any absolutely reliable information as to how far our local European banks are involved, but the current report is that both the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits, Ltd., have been very hard hit. The Hongkong Bank's alleged loss has been estimated at over a million dollars, that of the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits at less than half that amount; but these statements must be merely taken for what they are, as the accounts have been thoroughly overhauled—a difficult business, as their system of accounts is so bad. It is nevertheless significantly suggestive that Hongkong Bank shares are this afternoon nominally quoted at 120 per cent. premium.

We understand that a meeting of the Court of Directors was to be held this afternoon, and no doubt, considering the shaken confidence of shareholders and the community generally, the Court will consider it advisable to make a public statement on the position of affairs at an early date.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE MINERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, March 18th.

The Miners' Federation have resolved that the men shall resume work on Monday next.

## "JACK THE RIPPER."

A man named Williams has been arrested at Melbourne on the charge of the wife there; the body was found beneath the hearth. It having been elicited that Williams had previously been married in Liverpool, his house there was examined, and beneath the hearth, the bodies of a woman and four children were found, which have been identified as his former wife and children. This horrible discovery has caused a profound sensation, and it is suggested that this man may possibly prove to be "Jack the Ripper."

RESIGNATION OF THE GERMAN  
CHANCELLOR.

March 18th.

The Prussian Minister of Education has resigned, and it is believed that Count von Caprivi has also handed in his resignation in consequence of His Majesty the Emperor in Council having deprecated the forcing through of the Education Bill with the support only of the Clericals.

## GERMAN POLITICS.

March 24th.

General von Caprivi has resigned the Presidency of the Prussian Council of Ministers, but remains Imperial Chancellor. Count Eulenburg becomes Premier.

## THE EMPEROR'S HEALTH.

The Emperor of Germany has been ordered to abstain from business, and has gone to the country to recruit.

## THE BEHRING SEA DISPUTE.

March 25th.

A Committee of the United States Senate has decided in favour of ratifying the Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain.

## SMALL HOLDINGS.

Upon the motion of the Government a Select Committee of the House of Lords has been appointed to enquire into the question of small holdings.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Aden* left Singapore for this port at 1 p.m. yesterday.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended March 27th are:—Europeans, 175; Chinese, 2,081; total, 2,256.

Mr. Charles Dowdall, the *Mercury* undertaker, has been appointed legal adviser to the Municipal Council in succession to the late Mr. R. E. Walworth.

An emergency meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 125, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for a collection of the Southern ports, including Swatow, Kienchow, Shanghai, Wenchow, Taku, and Amoy, in many of which he has held important positions, notably at Taku, where for twelve months or more he was Harbour-master. It is not too much to say that in whatever port, or in whatever capacity Mr. Luce has been, he has always been highly esteemed and most popular among all classes with whom at different times he has been brought in contact. And now that he is leaving Amoy, he carries with him the best and most sincere wishes of his business officers and most friends, for a safe and pleasant passage to old England, from which he has been absent for thirty years—for an enjoyable holiday during his stay there, and that on the expiration of his leave, he will once again be in our midst, the general companion and kind friend that we have always known him.

Hired Boy—Kin I go fash! this afternoon?

Farmer—No, but be a good boy and work hard 'n' mebbe next week you kin go to a funeral.

Hired Boy—Kin I go to your?

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The Volunteers for Kowloon West battery will parade in marching order at head quarters tomorrow, Tuesday 29th, ready to march off at 6 p.m. sharp.

THE *Peking Gazette* publishes the following telegram regarding the disturbance in Pahang:—

"Teluk Anson, 15th March, 5.30 p.m.—It is reported that the Bentong Police Station, with arms and ammunition, has been captured by the Orang Kaya Palawan, and that the Perak Sikhs have again been ordered to Pahang."

As we announced some time ago would probably be the case, the so-called Formosa Trading Co., finding their shipping experiments between Formosa and the China coast ports a losing game, have laid up the steamer *Smith* and are now only running the *Cass* and *Fuchs*. The captain, one of the officers, two of the engineers and several of the crew of the *Smith* have been discharged.

At the Assize Court, Singapore, on the 17th inst., A. F. P. Peplow was charged with culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and also with committing a rash act. It will be remembered that Peplow, who is an official of the police, when going along the Changio Road in the dusk of evening, saw something up a tree which he took to be a monkey. He shot at it and killed—not a monkey but a Malay man. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" on both counts.

A BOXING match of an intercolonial character took place at the Melbourne Athletic Club on the night of February 27th between Jim Burge, "the Ironback" man of New South Wales, and Jack Hall, of Victoria. The event proved a considerable disappointment to most of the spectators. Hall did not come up at the end of the sixth round, and Burge was declared the winner. The referee intimated that the way in which the affair ended would be brought under the attention of the committee.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* of the 23rd states that a telegram had just received by Messrs. Buchheiser & Co. stating that their steamship *Bankow* had been in collision with the Japanese steamer *Changow*, and had three feet of her bows stove in, but was making no water and was coming down to Shanghai for repairs. No further particulars as to the place or time of the accident were given, but it is supposed to have occurred somewhere near Hankow. It was not known whether or not the *Changow* had sustained any damage, but it is presumed that she had not.

THE management of Woodyard's Circus offer a special attraction for next Thursday night, on which occasion four famous Japanese wrestlers, engaged in Tokyo by wire and who will arrive by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Vereina*, will display their skill in one of the most favorite of athletic sports. The chief of the troupe, Shishiwatari, bears the highest reputation amongst Japanese wrestlers, and has had the privilege of frequently performing before His Majesty the Mikado. Hongkong "sports" have witnessed so little high-class wrestling of the kind in the Far East, and as the "Japs" are acknowledged to be perfect masters at the game, the enterprise of Woodyard's management will probably be rewarded by the largest audience of the season. We understand that a unusually interesting ring programme consisting of several novelties, is also in rehearsal for Thursday night.

THE *Yokohama Colleague* *The Box of Carbons*—Major-General Palmer has gained a reputation as being "most thorough" and "most honest" in his investigations into the reputation of the scientific manner in which he is building the sea-wall to this harbour. He examines every portion of it most thoroughly, but on last Wednesday he went nearer the bottom than he has heretofore gone. It seems he was out inspecting the work and in acknowledging the salutation of the official in charge he stepped aboard and went to the bottom of the sea. The Japanese thought he was very thorough in his investigation and did not realize he had stepped aboard until he did the great purpose act and came to the surface spluttering and blowing. He was taken to the Grand Hotel and between Manager Eppinger's smile, a hot bath and a hot drink he came out all right. He gave us the "special information" that the base of the sea-wall is all right, but that it is surrounded by wet, wet water.

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